

Board of Directors
Cedar Falls Community School District
1002 West First Street
Cedar Falls Iowa, 50613

March 1, 2013

Board of Directors,

As a student of the Cedar Falls Community School District, I see it as my right and obligation to make my opinion known on issues affecting my education, including the resignation/termination of Mr. Mike Wells as Superintendent of Schools. I believe Mr. Wells is right for this job, and his contract should not end at the completion of this school year, but rather be reinstated for another three-year term. Mr. Wells has continually proven to me and many other students, faculty, and parents that he is what is best for our district.

Upon my first meeting with Mr. Wells, I was in the lobby of the administrative building this summer waiting for a meeting to start. Mr. Wells approached me, shook my hand, and introduced himself as Mike Wells. He did not feel the need to tell me his position and make me feel uncomfortable; instead he asked me how my day had been and offered me something to drink. He made me feel extremely comfortable and welcome, more so than any educator has the first time I have met them. I was later asked to be a part of the School Improvement Advisory Committee, which I was very excited and nervous about. Knowing that I would be one of the few students on this committee, I was concerned that it would be difficult for me to make my opinions heard. On the contrary, Mr. Wells continued to prove to me that both myself and my thoughts were genuinely valued and important to him. He makes a point to begin each meeting by shaking everyone's hands as they arrive, and taking the time to say hello. Throughout the meetings he continually asks for the students' opinions pointing out that we are the single most important part of the process. Never in all of my years in this school district has anyone, let alone the Superintendent made me feel like such a vital part of the education system. He constantly makes me feel like what I have to say is more important than anything he could say, which has empowered me to be able to tell him and the committee exactly how I feel about the issues we have discussed. This feeling of value and empowerment that he gives me motivates me to be positive leader in my school.

More important than my personal experience with Mr. Wells, he has impressed upon many people that he is a passionate educator with a vision. He has a wonderful vision for great change and a great future for our district. Our district is capable of so many great things, and Mr. Wells can lead us toward these goals. He is progressive and values change, which is exactly what our district needs to be its best and to best serve its students. Mr. Wells has amazing ideas, and amazing skills and abilities to execute them.

Mr. Wells may have pushed too hard for change, and he may have lacked process and communication, but he has made it clear that he has the best interest of the students at heart. Mr. Wells has admitted and apologized for his shortcomings, and he deserves a second chance to be the amazing Superintendent that he more than capable of being. The key to making progress as a district is unity and support. A body can accomplish nothing separated, and if Mr. Wells is not supported it will only set back all of the goals, potential, and progress that our district has made this year. It is our districts responsibility to teach our students not only reading, writing and arithmetic, but teamwork and compromise as well. The best way to teach these values is by example, by joining together as a team with Mr. Wells and compromising towards a better future for the students.

I firmly believe that it is vital that you highly consider reinstating Mr. Mike Wells's contract for another three years when his current contract expires in July.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,
Danielle Templeton
Sophomore at Cedar Falls High School

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Alyssa Jensen	10th grade student at CF
Autumn Timm	10th grade student @ CF
Zawon Harder	10th grade student @ CF
Ben Zimmer	10th grade student @ CF
Caleb Townsend	10th grade student @ CF
John Jamison	10th grade student @ CF
Hunter Foulkes	10th grade student @ CF
Trevor Dunt	10th grade student @ CF
Charlotte Brandenburg	10th grade student @ CF
Melanie Dimpster	10th grade student @ CF
Sam Banks	10th grade student @ CF
Kate Spriet	10th grade @ CF

Madeline Bergant

Grace Gubbrud

9th

Katherine Wither

9th

Lauren Hudson

10th @ CF

Brian Keiser

10th

Catherine Weilein

10th

Becky Mujica

10th @ CF

Andrew Mason

10

Rebecca Lymon

10

Patricia Mecklenborg

12th

Brooke Foland

11th

Alana Whit

11th

Elizabeth Gerstenkorn

10th

Alyssa Aiky

11

Destiny Green

11

Brynn Hendrix

12

Maddie Smith

11th

Amber Emkes

11th

~~Leah Parsons~~

12

Krista Fretheim

12

Paul Bunker

11th

Benjamin Legit

10th

Rachel Wilson

10th

Feb 14

teacher

Anna Hubbard	11 th grader @ CFHS
Amanda Harwood	12 th grader @ CFHS
Mia Podkrsic	10 th grader @ CFHS
Emma Lewis	10 th grader @ CFHS
Cindy Tran	10 th grader at CFHS
Ellen Wallingford	11 th grader at CFHS
Firth Van Meter	10 th grader at CFHS
Kaylin Kull	10 th grader at CFHS
Connor Williams	11 th grader CFHS
Spencer Williams	9 th grader Holmes
Ken Baker	10 th CFHS
Annabelle Davis	CF student
Tyler Schmidt	CF student
Jacob Johnson	CF Student
Jayden Moeller	CF Student 10 th grade
Anne Hetherton	CF Student 10 th grade
Jason Cheng	9 th grade
Melina Breddon	faculty - teacher
Lizzy Swartley	9 th grade
Mitch Dektor	9 th grade
Nick Skiles	11 th grade
MEGAN DAHLEN	11 th grade

Charlie Langner

9th grade Peet.

Logan Ryan

student CF

Rachelle Fisher

10th grade

Carlos Black

11th grade

Dana Linette

11th grade

Emma Redington

10th grade

Deanna Hudson

10th grade

Andy Knapp

Community Member

Dennis Knapp

CF bus driver

John Burnard

community member

Brian Cook

11th grade

Shelly Schletter

teacher / Parent

Halcy Bexing

10th grade

Paster Steve Williams

Paster First United Methodist Church

Karla Blackford

parent

Katie Klaves

student

Sam Ben

Community Member

Mark Schletter

Parent

Dermise Barr

Community member

Jackie Bassel

Community Member

Barbara Klein

Community member

Nancy Fransdal

Parent

Annieta Jepsen

Student

Mackenzie Dallenbach

10th grad. CFHS

Danielle Deviney

10th grad. CFHS

Paxton Fife

10th grad CFHS

Alison Fife

10th grad CFHS

Daniel Reinart

11th grad CFHS

Holly Weaver

11th grade CFHS

Miranda Walters

11th grade CFHS

Eddie Todd

11th grade CFHS

Adam Tasset

11th grade CFHS

Kirsten DeSenano

12th grade CFHS

Clarissa Setton

12th grade CFHS

Haley Johnson

11th grade CFHS

Avry Sheehan

10th grade CFHS

Hannah Hansen

11th grade CFHS

Lupe Delsing

9th grade Holmes

Morgan Johansen

9th grade Holmes

Angie Patten

9th grade Holmes

Madison Wright

9th grade Holmes

Sadie Kolpek

9th grade Holmes

Oli Mettin

9th grade-Holmes

Cinda Akers

9th grade-Holmes

Jordan Taylorson

9th grade Holmes

Marley Weaver

9th grade Holmes

Christina Keller

Community Member

Chase Keller

Business Owner

Alexa Poppy

Grade 10 at CFHS

Haley Berhammer

10th grade at CFHS

Sophia Jackson

12th grade at CFHS

Karla Krueger

10th grader CFHS

Joan Spill

10th grader at CFHS

Haley Ritter

10th grader at CFHS

Melanie Stoss

11th grader CFHS

Catherine Isay

11th grade CFHS

Rachel Rose

10th grade CFHS

Madilyn Nelbert

11th grader CFHS

Leah Broadie

12th grade CFHS

Meghan Runyan

12th grade CFHS

Lauren Sims

12th grade CFHS

Haley Garcia

12th grade CFHS

♥️ Anya Gonzales

10th grade CFHS

Madeline Rohlff

10th grade CFHS

Brady Weber

10th grade CFHS

Abby Young

10th grade CFHS

Jayla Jackson

10th grade

Molly Littleton

10th grade CFHS

Melissa Kremer

10th grade CFHS

Kayla Baker	9th grade
Bri Combs	9th grade
Kayla Ramirez	8th grade
Sicanna Hingstgen	9th grade
Madisen Timmer	9th grade
Chloe Den Herder	8th grade
Christy Nimmann	parent & Faculty member
Don Hin	Community Member
Jarred Decker	Parent / Teacher
Ingejet Berhammer	Parent
Charles Klein	Pastor (UMC)
Matthew Brown 10	Student.
Dominic Cipressi	Student
Nick VanLan	Student
David Deen	Student
Ryan Ernst	Student
Ben Luth	Student
Kris Gurley	Student 10th
Connor Gibson	Student
Trey Brunner	Student 10 th
Brandon Kane	Student 10th
Alec Stauch	Student 10th
Lan Tagtow	Student 10th

Agatha Fenech	10 th grade
Joan Spilly	10 th grade
Ashlyn Walgren	10 th grade
Chanelo Onigbo	10 th grade
Enna Helin	12 th Grade
Savannah Hartman	11 th Grade
Ben	12 th Grade
Madison Mix	12 th Grade
Kelly Olsen	10 th grade
Max Lu	11 grade
Muhli Muri	10 th Grade
Drew Marchessault	10 th Grade
Jana Samuel	11 th Grade
Brett Fel	12 th GRADE
Katelyn Haan	12 th Grade
Blake Ruedder	10 th grade
Ben Mord	10 th grade
Dylan Vanderwerf	10 th Grade
Trenton Willis	10 th grade
Eris Plagge	Teacher + parent
Liffeny Oppert	Teacher (Cedar Heights)
Robert Lantz	community member
Taylor Winkley	7th Grader, Peet Student

Jan W. Asher	Senior
Carri McCarly	senior
Shelby Miller	senior
Jon Geisler	Senior
John D. Dicks	senior
Josh Carter	senior
Gene Brown	senior
Daniel Postel	9th 10 th
Alexis Jacobson	10 th
Laura Boland	10 th
Margan Ruppel	11 th
Martisha Greer	10 th
Michelle Ross	10 th
Jordan Wilson	10 th
Kailin Reed	10 th
Jackie Norman	10 th
Jaime Bobst	10 th
Annie Ross	10 th
Em Brown	10 th
Amme Bedington	10 th
Lucia McNeal	10 th
Nicole Day	10 th
Amber Hagen	10 th

Beth Wells ♡

10th

Brett Burnett

10th

Cody Paulson

10th

Dylan Vandervort

10 & 4

Mikaela Mallin

10th

Brett McFarlane

10th

Dillon Thompson 10th

Billy Weiland

10th

Tristan Holden

10th

Tyler Stiers

10

Nicholas Gasser

9th

for Mrs

Science Teacher - Peet

Abby Hendrickson

English Teacher - Peet

Maah Wolf

8th

Zoe Bleile

7th

Josh Osterhaus

9th

Kelly Wiley

Parent

Jen Schwitz

teacher

Kameron watts

9th

KARI Schwartz

teacher

Richard Horton

9th

Rodney Hinton iii

9th

Sydney See

9th

Tadina Templeton

Parent

Age 10/10/20

7th grade